



PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS: Each year in May, Mental Health Awareness Month is recognized to support efforts at fighting the stigma associated with mental health, providing support, educating the public, and advocating for equal care; and

WHEREAS: According to the National Institute of Mental Health, studies show there are an estimated 52.9 million adults aged 18 or older in the United States suffering from mental illness, representing over 20 percent of all U.S. adults; and

WHEREAS: These studies also reveal that one-half of all chronic mental illness begins by the age of 14 and that young adults between the ages of 18-25 have the highest prevalence of mental illness; and

WHEREAS: Americans of all ages, genders, races, and socioeconomic status can experience times of difficulty and stress in their lives that contribute to their mental health; and

WHEREAS: The stigma surrounding mental illness can cause sufferers to postpone or neglect seeking treatment. With early and effective diagnoses and treatment, individuals with mental health conditions can manage their needs and lead full, productive lives; and

WHEREAS: Every business, government agency, school, healthcare provider, organization, and individual citizen shares a responsibility in promoting and supporting mental health awareness.

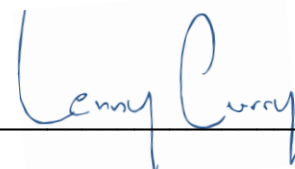
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby recognize May 2023 as the

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to help to reduce the stigma, normalize mental health challenges, and encourage those who are experiencing mental health struggles to know that recovery is possible.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 27th Day of April in the year
Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.


MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA